

AN ORDINANCE

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**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR
TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ENDORSEMENTS AND FUNDING
REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS MADE ON BEHALF
OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA.**

WHEREAS, there are a variety of stakeholders involved in transportation projects impacting the City of Atlanta; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmembers should have the ability to influence transportation issues affecting the constituency they represent; and,

WHEREAS, processes related to transportation projects impacting the City often require a formal endorsement by the City; and,

WHEREAS, a decision of endorsement of a transportation project should receive both the scrutiny of the legislative process and the technical support of those germane City Departments; and,

WHEREAS, the City, in using its limited resources and political capital, to secure funding on the state and federal levels should prioritize transportation projects it is championing; and,

WHEREAS, the Council should have a role in prioritizing these projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, as follows:

Section 1: That Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances be amended by creating a new article I, to be entitled General and to include current sections 7-1, 7-2, and 7-3.

Section 2: That Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances be amended by creating a new article II to be entitled Transportation Project Endorsement.

Section 3: That Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances be amended by creating section 7-21 to read as follows. Definition. "Project Endorsement" is defined as any request made by a governmental, quasi-governmental agency, or organization with taxing authority that asks for a formal endorsement of a transportation project or initiative.

"Formal Endorsement" is defined as the provision by the City of a verbal/written endorsement of a project and/or the undertaking of the solicitation of funding for a project.

“Transportation Projects” are defined as a project, relating to both road and transit, which impacts the City of Atlanta either directly by being located in the City or indirectly by being outside the borders of the City.

Section 3: That Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances be amended by creating section 7-22 to read as follows. Council Approval.

(a) Legislative procedures in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Charter of the City of Atlanta shall be followed in making any formal endorsements of transportation projects or funding requests relating to these projects on behalf of the City. This process shall not be required of projects with total project values less than \$1,000,000.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Section 5: All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, in conflict herewith are repealed.